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### **Nominations Sought for History Teacher of the Year Competition**

The New Jersey Department of Education is seeking nominations for outstanding teachers to be considered for a prestigious national award. The Preserve American History Teacher of the Year award will be presented to an outstanding teacher of American history in each state.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2004. Each state winner receives \$1,000. The winner's school receives a substantial amount of historical materials for teacher use. A national winner will be selected from the 50 state winners.

Nominations will be accepted for any full-time K-12 teacher, including elementary teachers who do outstanding work in U.S. history and secondary teachers who teach U.S. history as their primary subject. Nominees should have demonstrated excellence as evidenced by a deep career commitment to teaching the subject, and of creativity and imagination in the classroom. In addition, the nominees should have effectively used primary sources in history and should have demonstrated effectiveness in improving student knowledge and enthusiasm for history.

Applications should consist of a full letter of nomination, the nominees' curriculum vitae, and supporting materials, such as lesson plans, student work, statistical evidence of student growth, and supporting letters from supervisors, students, parents and other educators. No application form is required for this program.

The Preserve American History Teacher of the Year Award is sponsored by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute and the Office of the First Lady in Washington. It is coordinated in New Jersey by Dr. John Dougherty, coordinator of social studies for the Department of Education.

Nomination packages should be mailed to Dr. Dougherty in care of the department at PO Box 500, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625.